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DEPT. FOR AID/SER/CFS - MR. MOSER; AID/CAWA - MR. OLSEN

CU/AF MR. ANDEREGG

AGENCY FOR IAA - MR. SHAW

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SUBJ: NUC-OLC RECRUITMENT

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE RAPID AND THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE REF A. CAO HAS DISCUSSED IT AND REF B WITH NUC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AMINU, WHO ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RAPID RESPONSE.

2. AMINU EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF PARA 5 REF A TO MEAN IN ESSENCE THAT SUPPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL DESCRIBED REF B IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO RECRUIT "COMPETENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC TALENT." HE IS PLEASED AT THIS SINCE SUPPLEMENTATION CONCEPT IS FAR SIMPLER TO ADMINISTER THAN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH "DIFFERENTIAL." HE UNDERSTANDS PROBLEM OF RECRUITING ACADEMICS WITH SECONDARY-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN, BUT FEELS THAT EXTREME COST OF OVERSEAS EDUCATION ALLOWANCE PRECLUDES THIS AS PART OF SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN RELATED INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IS EXTREMELY WELL-REGARDED FOR

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THOSE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSIGNMENTS IN THAT VICINITY.

3. REGARDING PARA 6 REF A, REMITTING FUNDS FROM NIGERIA HAS NOT BEEN A PROBLEM FOR FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS OPERATING UNDER A SIMILAR PROGRAM. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION REGARDING U.S. TAX LAW AND ITS EFFECT ON THE PROGRAM.

4. FOR AID/SER/CFS - MOSER: OLC PROGRAM DIRECTOR ZELLER WAS IN LAGOS SEPTEMBER 7 AND CALLED ON AMINU TO TOUCH BASE ON GENERAL NUC-OLC RELATIONS. AMINU GAVE HER A LETTER FOR OLC LYONS REQUESTING THAT HE URGENTLY CONTACT YOU TO EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF DRAFT AGREEMENTS REGARDING SUPPLEMENTATION AND THE OLC-NUC LIAISON OFFICER, BOTH TO BE FOUNDED FROM THE USAID BLOCK GRANT. THE LETTER INDICATES AMINU WILL BE ON LEAVE FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO LATE OCTOBER AND HOPES THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENTS CAN REACH HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT HE CAN REVIEW THEM PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF LEAVE. IF THIS IS FEASIBLE, THE AGREED-UPON DOCUMENTS CAN BE SIGNED BY HIM AND OLC LYONS DURING LYONS' PROJECT VISIT LATE OCTOBER. AMINU FEELS THAT THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER SINCE SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES HAVE ENQUIRED ABOUT SUPPLEMENTATION FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AND HE IS UNABLE TO REPLY UNTIL THE SUPPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

5. WOULD AGAIN APPRECIATE URGENT RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING LYONS-MOSER MEETING, FOR FOLLOW-UP WITH AMINU. WYMAN

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